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Interview Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
	10/717,250	EVANS, MARTIN	
	Examiner	Art Unit	
	N. Bhat	1764	

All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

- (1) N. Bhat. (3) Ms. Chaudhury.
 (2) Keith Taboada. (4) _____.

Date of Interview: 01 June 2007.

Type: a) ☒ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference
 c) ☐ Personal [copy given to: 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☐ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☒ No.
 If Yes, brief description: _____.

Claim(s) discussed: 1-33.

Identification of prior art discussed: Pozo, Haugen.


Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☒ was not reached. h) ☐ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: See Continuation Sheet.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

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 Examiner's signature, if required

Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: Proposed AF amendment was faxed to the examiner and was discussed. Applicant has made a statement for the record that there is common ownership over the Evans PGPUB and therefore the reference does not constitute prior art. The 103(a) rejection of Haugen with Evans regarding claims 27-33 is withdrawn. Applicant argued that in Haugen the dispensing mechanism is not fixedly coupled to a respective compartment. The examiner argued that if entered, the rejection would not be anticipatory but would still be obvious over Haugen. The examiner has argued that the dispensing mechanism is broad as well as the vessel suitable for storing fluid cracking catalyst recitation has not be given any patentable weight. Applicant has argued it is not understood how Haugen who teaches rotating the hopper would be able to be read as being "fixedly connected". The examiner indicated that the Supervisor requires Allowance Conference and that the examiner would discuss the reference and the claim interpretation of claim 1 specifically the recitation of "a plurality of dispense mechanisms, a respective one of each dispense mechanism fixedly coupled to a respective compartment" would be interpreted. Applicant strenuously argued that the claims are read in light of the specification. The examiner argued that we can not read the specification into the claims and it is the position of the office that the claims must stand on their own without looking to the specification even though the examiner acknowledges that this is not "law". Applicant representative indicated that combining original claim 1 with claim 29 because Haugen does not teach a pressurizeable plenum which should render the invention allowable, the examiner agrees however, as stated above allowance conference is required. The examiner reiterated that the "suitable for" language would need to be amended. The examiner indicated she would discuss this case with her supervisor and would get back to applicant on June 5, 2007.